The 2011 Hall of Honor Inductees

In the Summer 2006 Ramview, Fr. Boller announced that the Board of Trustees approved new procedures for induction into the Fordham Prep Hall of Honor. "Alumni selection committees will be established to review nominations of alumni and faculty/staff who have been outstanding in their service to God, the human and civic communities or their country." The new version of the Hall of Honor selection process is intended to shine the spotlight on distinguished members of the Prep family from its 170 year history. It is intended to instill pride in the community by association with the inductees and to inspire the current students to 'make their own mark' in service to our world."

The 2011 inductees, who are pictured below, will take their place in the Prep’s Hall of Honor at the Induction Dinner which will be held on Friday, November 18, 2011 in The Garden Terrace Room at The New York Botanical Garden.

For those who were nominated and not selected, their names and the documents submitted on their behalf are kept on record and will be included in future deliberations.

GEORGE A. JACKSON ’76  
JOSEPH L. CHEW ’85  
REV. FRANCIS PHILBY, S.J.  
BROTHER JEREMIAH PHILBERRY, S.J.  
REV. JOHN J. HALLGAN, S. J. ’47  
ROBERT HAWTHORN  
ARCHBISHOP JOHN HUGHES  

GEORGE A. JACKSON ’76  
PATRICK S. J. GREGG ’76  
WILLIAM P. MAPPE, M.D. ’62  
REV. GEORGE MCKHOURY, S.J.  
JOHN MCMAHON 1848  
JAMES MCMAHON 1853  
MAURICE MCMAHON 1855  

REV. MR. ALFRED J. MEYER, JR.  
THOMAS J. PALMER, M.D. ’76  
VINCENT RICHARDS ’20  
The Sisters of Charity  
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The Return of Cardboard City Night

On Tuesday, May 17th, 41 Fordham Prep students and four faculty members spent a rain soaked evening sleeping outside of the Prep in cardboard boxes. The event was dubbed “The Return of Cardboard City Night,” by Mr. Viele’s freshman mentor group. Mr. Viele fondly remembered participating in the event as a student during his junior and senior year. When he came time for his mentor group to put together their freshman service project he suggested they bring back the event. Prior to this year, the night had not occurred since 2005.

The evening started at the Prep at 7:00 p.m. Students gathered in the Commons to prepare their boxes for the evening. After preparing their boxes, students assembled in the Leonard Theater for a talk from Father Ned Murphy. Father Ned founded Part of the Solution, a soup kitchen which is a stones throw away from the Prep.

Mr. Phipps led a lively discussion about the film and students’ overall thoughts on cardboard city night.

The highlight of the evening occurred shortly after 12:00 a.m. After a prayer and reflection, students brought their homes for the night outside the front doors of the Prep. Due to the downpour, plans to sleep on the back field were nixed, and students instead placed their boxes under the front overhang. A few brave students wrapped their boxes in garbage bags and pushed the boxes out into the rain. At the 6:00 a.m. wakeup call, the students had survived the cool night, downpour and a rather unpleasant rat encounter. They had also raised awareness of the overwhelming issue of homelessness in America and came to the realization of just how fortunate they truly are.

By Rev. Donald Devine, S.J.

Many good people are troubled by their human, hesitant responses to God’s many invitations to become more un-selfish, joyfully generous followers of Jesus. They are humble, sincere, good people who want to get to know Jesus and themselves better, to become better people by using their talents well.

Unfortunately, all too many of them focused on their failings, their imperfections, their inadequacies, their failures. As a priest, I feel one of my major challenges is to help people see, love and forgive themselves as Jesus does. Jesus does not withhold His love until we reach a certain level of holiness. He loves us as we are, warts and wrinkles and jowls and all. And He wants us to do the same, to accept the fact that we are good enough for now.

Is there room for growth, need for improvement, demands of ourselves than God is. We need to believe that we are good enough for now. Our growth process is a lifelong challenge. The day we no longer change is the day we die.

A man who is a competent, compassionate, conscientious worker from 9-5 is a model employee. When he plays with his 3-year-old son on his lap, reads a story to his son and kisses him after tucking him in bed, he may not seem to be accomplishing anything. Simply being with his son, loving him may not be as measurable as office profits and sales results, but it is even more important. The difference between being and doing has gotten a lot of print recently. Society rewards us for what we do. This is not unimportant. But why and how we do it can make the difference between following in the footsteps of Jesus and selling our souls and ourselves.

If you have recently won a Nobel prize and I congratulate you and you say “It was nothing”, you are not being humble, you are lying. Humility is accepting myself honestly, respecting my smallness and powerlessness as well as my power and responsibility in the universe. Humility is acknowledging the fact that my talents are gifts from God and my development of these gifts has been possible only with the help of many other people – family, friends, teachers. Humility and healthy self-love are compatible. Remember, we are made in the image of God and, as a 70’s poster reminds us, “God doesn’t make junk!”

Let us be grateful as we strive to continue to grow no matter what our age. Pray for the grace to be able to say humbly and honestly I accept and love myself as God does.

I am good enough...for now!
Summer is a time for relaxation and refreshing the spirit. It is also a time for reflection and planning for the new year. As I look back on the last year, I am filled with a tremendous pride in the accomplishments of so many.

This edition of Ramview reports on the achievements of our Spring sports teams. When added to the other championships of the Fall and Winter, it is a great tribute to the 634 students who participated in at least one sport this past year and their coaches who work so hard with them. They certainly follow in the footsteps of our Hall of Honor Olympic medalist reported on in this issue as well.

The Freshmen who volunteered for the service trip to Camden also did us proud in their outreach. Two teams of students went down to Quito, Ecuador to help in the Working Boys Center founded and directed by Fr. Jack Halligan, S.J. ’47. Jack will be inducted into the Hall of Honor in November.

John Neary ’87, our board chair, Bob Gomprecht ’65, Trish Morris and Brian Carney, co-chairs of our Ignatian Identity Committee and I all went down to Baltimore for the first meeting of the leadership teams of the secondary and pre-secondary schools of New England, New York and Maryland provinces, twenty-five schools in all. As the three Eastern provinces of the Jesuits merge in the next few years, we have to explore the different ways we relate to each other and to a new, far flung province administration. The Prep has already served as host to two meetings of all of the faculty and staff of the New York Province – the last one with over 500 educators present. These gatherings highlight the common elements and strengths we have as part of the Jesuit system of schools. While each school has a unique history and special characteristics, and while we may be fierce rivals in various sports, the bonds that unite us are stronger and the students recognize that. Just this year we were able to bring back rugby with tremendous support and encouragement from the Xavier Rugby organization.

In November, we will induct another class into the Hall of Honor at a dinner at The New York Botanical Garden. We are happy to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of these men and the Sisters of Charity who have contributed so much to the Prep and our world by their lives of dedication and service. We are justly proud of their accomplishments and delighted to present them to our current students as models of greatness to be imitated and surpass.

Enjoy this issue and thanks for all that you do to support the Prep.

Rev. Kenneth J. Boller, S.J.
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Rev. John J. Halligan, S.J. ’47
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We all knew him as Sammy. It was a nickname he picked up playing high school football because his style resembled that of "Slinging Sammy Baugh." He became quarterback for the Washington Redskins in the 1930's and 40's. His real name was Joe Ososki … the Joe Ososki who played in the backfield for Fordham College in the famous 1942 Sugar Bowl game. His college career was interrupted by World War Two. As a Marine he earned distinction in the Battle of Iwo Jima. He then returned to Fordham, played one more year and finished in 1947. Upon graduation, he was drafted by the New York Giants. His pro football career ended quickly with a training camp knee injury. Joe became a scout for the Giants and also found time to coach at Fordham. He married and had two children. In the early 1950's, Fordham College started to close down its football program and finally ended it in 1956. Sammy moved across the Bronx campus to Fordham Prep and became the High School varsity football coach.

On Day One in 1954, he held a meeting with his new football team on the practice field. He stood in front of us. He was olive complected. Some say that his face looked like smooth leather. His dark hair was parted on the side and combed straight back. He looked very much like a movie star from the 1940's. Sammy moved across the Bronx campus to Fordham Prep and became the High School varsity football coach.

He spoke about dedication, loyalty and teamwork and about how he was going to mold us into a winning team. He was straightforward and bleded sarcasm with a few off color words. This was in stark contrast to the Jesuit exchanges we listened to daily in class. Their job was to mold our minds, hearts and souls. His was to make us a winning football team. To us, he was Coach or Mr. Ososki. Never Sammy! He was tough and a strict task master. His knowledge of the game was second to none. Every play was scripted, measured and exact. You couldn't dog it out there in practice or you'd have to run that play over and over again until you got it right. And then do it again and again. He pushed us to our limits and beyond. He made us hurt, but he made us so much better. We were never unprepared for any game and Coach Ososki made sure that we knew everything about our foes on the field; right down to their girlfriend's names. Game preparations, as well as an analysis of game performances, rivaled those in the NFL. All of our home games were filmed. The 16 mm tapes did not lie and you couldn't hide.

Mr. Ososki was more than a coach. He was a second father. Football games became half the teacher they were.

Coach Ososki is now gone. I still hold his memories and lessons close. Over time, I've attended reunions and maintained close relationships with my high school classmates. When Coach Ososki was able to attend some of those gatherings, I got the chance to sit next to him and even called him Sammy! What a thrill! When reminiscing with my old classmates, it is truly remarkable how our conversation eventually drifts to Sammy Ososki, his lessons of life and how much we miss him.
Sophomore Dream Day 2011

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you imagined."

- Henry David Thoreau

On Friday, May 13th, the sophomores entered the theater at 8:30 a.m. with a mixture of curiosity and anticipation. What they knew of the day was that they were allowed to wear jeans and sneakers, they were not going to be attending classes and they were going to be given a free lunch. In other words, the day was looking really good before it even started.

They were also aware that this day, Sophomore Dream Day 2011, was the culmination of various themes that have been explored in group guidance class throughout the academic year. Themes such as the importance of seeking inspiration as well as being an inspiration to others, and the critical task of cultivating a life of purpose by identifying one's strengths, values, goals and resources. The day was opened with a welcome from the Guidance and Counseling department which offered this full-day program annually. The students were told that the day’s mission was to inspire them to use their imaginations and envision the possibilities of their own futures. They were encouraged to open both their minds and hearts to what would hopefully become a life-long process; the pursuit of their own unique purpose, the pursuit of their dreams.

What followed throughout the day included the video presentation, Dream On, featuring Fordham Prep faculty and administrators speaking of the importance of identifying goals, following your passions and demonstrating courage and persistence in the face of adversity.

Dr. Gelpt, sophomore teacher and mentor, was one of the main speakers, who through the sharing of his journey in pursuit of his own dreams, inspired the boys to set goals, take responsibility for pursuing them, remain faithful to what is personally most important, be dogged in their pursuit and grateful to the many who will assist them on their way. In addition to the showing of the moving and highly praised film, Go! The Dream Begins and a pizza lunch provided by the Mother’s Club, two student acts were part of the day’s agenda. In the morning, Fordham Prep senior, Troy Krusz, played two songs on his guitar and in the afternoon, junior, Jeff Limoncelli, performed a magic trick on stage. Both students talked to the sophomores about how they are currently pursuing their passions of music and performing magic.

To end the day’s program was keynote speaker Joseph Bastianich, Fordham Prep class of 1985. Joe was a local boy who grew up working in his parent’s Italian restaurant in Queens. After attending the Prep and college, Joe pursued a career on Wall Street, but left it in short order to pursue his passions of food and wine. Joe shared with the students how his perception of what it meant to be successful and happy changed over time and how he has never had any regrets about pursuing that which was most meaningful to him. Enthralled by his story, the students asked Joe many questions about his journey. Joe gave them excellent advice on what it takes to live a life of your dreams.

Joe is partners with his mother, Chef Lidia Bastianich, and the well-known Mario Batali. Joe owns numerous restaurants in New York, Las Vegas and Los Angeles as well as wine estates in Italy. He is a regular on the Today Show and currently, a judge on Gordon Ramsey’s show, Master Chef. Joe and his wife Deanna have three children, whom he counts as his greatest achievements to date.

Rowing Team
Nationally Ranked

The Varsity Coxed 4 boat competed in the Youth National Regatta held in Oak Ridge, Tennessee in early June where they placed 5th. The crew placed 2nd in the Scholastic National Regatta held in Camden, New Jersey over Memorial Day Weekend. A realization of goals formed 4 years ago by freshmen that had never rowed before they joined the FP Crew team.

Fordham Prep Crew team originally started in 1915 by John J. Mulcahy (Fordham Prep 1891 & FU 1894). At the 1904 Olympics Mulcahy won the Gold Medal in the “double scull” and the Silver Medal in the “coxed pair”.

The year 2000 heralded the resurgence of a pedigreed crew team to Fordham Prep when a group of fathers and 11 students worked tirelessly to revive the sport. Four years later the team really took off winning gold and silver at the 2004 NYSSAA Championship Regatta.

Over the past 10 years interest in the sport has grown immeasurably and the team doubled its members in the last two years. Crew continues to become more competitive due to the dedication of the athletes, the Prep Administration, Coach Giacobbe and the undying and energetic family support. 113 students tried out for the crew in the spring of 2011, marking the first year that the Fordham Prep crew team made cuts. Coach Giacobbe instituted a 20 person Development team that trained daily at the Lombardi Center and a 50 rower competition team.

2011 proved to be a fantastic year for the Rowing Rams. With FP Athletics and Administration firmly behind the team and Coach Giacobbe training the returning Novice, JV and Varsity members through the winter, they began the racing season with a hale and hearty travelling team. Additionally, several members of the team were named Scholar Athletes this spring by the NY State Scholastic Rowing Association which recognize scholar athletes who maintain an academic average of 90% or better while participating in the most challenging sport of them all.

Regattas began in April and the Novice and JV 8+ crews were placing solidly in the top 25% of their races. The Novice 8+ won the Gold medal in Saratoga Springs and are the 2011 NYSSAA Champions! The families and team went WILD as the Novice crew crossed the finish line in first place! The JV 4+ crew came together, earning silver at the NYSSAA Championship Regatta and the gold at Long Island Junior Championship Regatta in Oyster Bay. This crew rowed valiantly at the Stotesbury Cup and the Scholastic National Regatta. The Varsity Coxed 4 had a goal, to row at the Youth National Regatta. Their 2nd place finish at Saratoga sealed the Scholastic National and Youth National Regatta entries and last week they made Rowing Rams history by becoming the first Prep crew to make the A Finals at the 2011 Youth National Regatta. Physically, the smallest crew in the A Finals, they earned 5th place in the Nation behind crews who row 3 or 4 seasons to our 1 season. This was no small feat! Thanks to Coach Giacobbe for his vision and the incredible number of hours he has devoted to the team.

If you would like more information about Fordham Prep Crew or to be added to our alumni contact list you may contact Carol Velardi at: mcsdamm@aol.com. To connect with Rowing Ram alumni on Facebook search Fordham Prep Crew. If you would like to donate to the Rowing Rams please contact Patricia Siebecker at: psiebecker@aol.com.
Alumni Senior Breakfast

The Garden Terrace Room at The New York Botanical Garden

More than 50 alumni welcomed the Class of 2011 to the ranks of Prep alumni at the Annual Alumni–Senior Breakfast which was held in The Garden Terrace Room of The New York Botanical Garden. Breakfast speaker and Prep trustee Donn McNamie spoke to the soon-to-be alumni about the role that his Prep education still plays in his life. He encouraged the Class of 2011 to keep in touch with the Prep and their classmates. Thanks to the following alumni who served as table hosts at the Alumni–Senior Breakfast.

2011 Alumni – Senior Breakfast

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

The New York Botanical Garden

Dennis Ahern '63
Assistant Principal for Professional Development & Supervision
Fordham Prep

Charles Andruss '91
Director, EX Institutional Sales
UBS Securities, LLC

Robert Armbruster '59
Retired Journalist
Adjunct Professor at Saint Peter's College

Bruce Bott '59
Former Dean of Students
Fordham Prep

Hall of Honor Member

Alumni Senior Breakfast

Michael Carey, Ph.D. '86
Dean of Students
Manhattan College

Paul Carran '75
Chief Development Officer
Asim Power

Charon Darris '94
Vice President/Senior Business Banker for Metro New York
M&T Bank

Sean Davey '80
Attorney
The Law Office of Sean Davey

Daniel Dougherty
Assistant to Secondary & Pre-Secondary Education
New York Province of the Society of Jesus
Prep Trustee

Joseph Femenia '94
Vice President in Distressed Bank Loan Trading
Goldman Sachs
Board of Directors, United States Navy Seals Foundation

David Fitzgerald '87
Executive Director & Senior Counsel
UBS

Matthew Fitzgerald '91
Global Head of Regulatory & Operational Risk Management
UBS Investment Bank

Joseph Fitzsimmons '92
Fixed Income Sales Associate
KGS Alpha Capital Markets

Michael Fitzsimmons '96
Senior Analyst
Pan Reliance Capital Advisors

Marc Flamino '85
Managing Director
H2 Capital Partners

Anthony Fletcher '88
Corporate Securities Attorney in Private Practice

Paul Frank '56
Partner
Hodgson Russ, LLP
Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Robert Galasso '69
Partner
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle

John Geraghty '60
Retired – Credit Suisse First Boston
US Naval Academy Graduate & Vietnam War Veteran
Former Prep Trustee

Robert Gomprecht '65
Principal
Fordham Prep

Robert Gomprecht '89
Director
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Sean Gregory '94
Staff Writer
Time Magazine

John Haley '87
Director of Campaign Strategy
New York Presbyterian Hospital

Brian Harper '92
Financial Representative
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

William Heitmann '86
Senior Vice President of Finance
Ventzin

Daniele Hickey '94
Owner
Stepping Stones Management

Cassandra Hyacinthe
Assistant Principal
Mount Vernon High School
Prep Trustee

Maurice Hyacinthe '77
Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
HMH Management Company, LLC

John Kuhl
Vice President for Development & Alumni Relations
Fordham Prep

Peter Madonna '72
Chief Operating Officer
The Rockefeller Foundations

John McCabe '81
Managing Director, US Debt Syndicate
Royal Bank of Scotland

Michael McCabe '75
Partner
Deloitte Financial Advisory Services

William McCabe '76
Partner & Head of Intellectual Property Litigation Group
Ropes & Gray

Donn McNamie '87
Senior Vice President
Newedge Group, USA

John Montes '90
Detective/Attorney
New York Police Department Legal Bureau

Robert Moschetta '90
Owner/Operator
Entertainment & Sounds Unlimited

Michael Murray '91
Vice President & Convertible Bond Trader
Morgan Stanley

Mario R. Nacinovich Jr. '90
Managing Director
AXION

John Neary '87
Global Head of Multi-Asset Portfolio
Morgan Stanley

Kevin Norton '71
Managing Director
The Bank of New York Mellon

Thomas Palmieri, M.D. '56
Associate Professor of Surgery
Albert Einstein College of Medicine

James Parker '71
Executive Vice President
American Red Cross

Bradley Serton '95
Director of Programming & Integration
MSG Varsity

Evan Serton '94
Vice President & Relationship Manager
Cohen & Steers

Bradley Smith '95
Senior Managing Director
Elevation, LLC

Father Luke Sweeney '92
Vocation Director for Archbishop Dolan
Archdiocese of New York

Timothy Tostanoski '74
Owner
Truckmikes

Prep Trustee

Dr. Russell Trahan '77
Attending Pediatric Surgeon
Saint Barnabas Hospital

Mark Varrichio, Jr. '84
Managing Director & Head of Hedge Fund Sales & Trading
ITG

William Whelan '76
Partner
Cravath, Swaine & Moore

Prep Trustee

Paul Williams '56
Retired Director of Human Resources
Time Warner

Past Trustee

George Zambetti, M.D. '68
Orthopaedic Surgeon in Private Practice
Team Physician – Fordham Prep & Fordham College

Victor Zimmermann, Jr. '70
Partner
Curtis, Malley-Prewitt, Colt & Mosle, LLP

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Ryan Friedmann, Patrick Fowley, Nick Fusco, Kevin Norton '71, Jim Parker '71, Daniel Fiore, Nicholas Florez

Ezekiel Jiles, Maxwell Kinder, William McCabe '76, Eric Kenyon

Nick Stanaj, Paul Spano, William Whelan '76, Trevor Tann, John Sussingham
1966 45 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

1971 40 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

1976 35 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES
Thomas Bell, Mario Biaggi, Edward Bonanno, Timothy Brosnan, Thomas Campbell, John Castillo, Michael Considine, David Cota, Louis DelGaressio, Domenico DelliCarpini, Richard Duke, Matthew Fitzsimmons, Dieter Freer, James Howard, William Korczak, Roman Kozicky, Guy Lester, Mark Liscio, William McCabe, Joseph Melloy, Michael Moore, Steven Shell, Ted Slater, Robert Spelzino, William Whelan, Chris Yandow, Francis Young

1981 30 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

1986 25 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES
Christopher Albens, Christopher Bernard, James Boyle, Jeffrey Brathwaite, James Brophy, Michael Canavan, Michael Carey, Keith Cunniff, Gerard Drohan, Gerald Emond, Giulio Faustini, Ramon German, William Keane, Martin Keefe, Luigi LaVerghetta, Thomas Lushy, Christopher Lee, Charles Lippolis, Patrick Longo, John Mallon, Christopher Mantle, Paul McEugue, Adolph Monodrone, Dean Morretta, John Morris, Eric Pasquale, Silvio Pietrobusengo, Michael Reilly, Michael Ryme, Gregory Santomero, William Smith, Philip Talamo, John Tracey, Carlos Vanga, Julio Varela, Bruce Wagner, Kenneth Watson, James Welsh

1961 50 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES
Reunions

1991 20 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

1996 15 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES
Michael Boland, Michael Cardosa, Ronald Castillo, Brian Cintrom, Joseph Daly, Daniel Dengler, Paul DiStefano, D. Conan Dolce, Victor Emmanuel, Michael Gorman, Daniel Henderson, Charles Hill, Thomas Johnson, John Liszewski, John Martin, Michael McCrosson, Alex Molina, Jason Monserrate, Peter Neckles, David Polani, Nelson Ritter, Scott Sayegh, Michael Sullivan, Robert Villani, John Waters

2001 10 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

2006 5 YEAR REUNION
ATTENDEES – 80 classmates attended.
Steven Arroyo-Falcon, Angel Ayala, Justin Barden, Robert Barresi, Constantinos Bellas, Antonio Blasetti, Ryan Boate, John Bradley, Julian Bufla, Christopher C. Ciolles, Eric Collazo, Thomas Conway, Timothy Cossa, Derek Crimmins, Lawrence Dehells, Matthew DeFrancesco, Ramon DeLaCruz, Joseph Delaney, Francis Delgado, Michael DeVecchis, Luke DePasquale, Joseph DeSimone, Geoffrey DeSoye, John Dingee, Brian Doebert, Stephen Donat, Brendan Dunn, Terrence Egan, Marcos Ferra, Dennis Grant, Frank Graziano, Christopher Gross-Parretes, Thomas Halpin, Brendan Hickey, David Hill, Patrick Knowles, Kevin Kushner, Daniel Liberatori, Justin Lockwood, Brian Lynch, Charles H. S. Mackenzie, Peter V. Maffei, Peter Marasco,

2006 5 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES
Prep History

Considering that Fordham Prep had already celebrated its golden jubilee not so distant a decade before, the 19th century would draw to a close, it is not surprising that the Prep had a subset of students (and will continue to see) a number of significant anniversaries for some of the Prep’s most time-honored traditions. Prep football, for instance, will mark its 125th year in 2012, having begun its legacy in 1887 with a legendary scoreless game against Xavier that was called on account of darkness. Just this past year, Prep baseball celebrated its historic 150th, and come September 2013, the Aqua Rams will observe their centennial as an official team sport. (Of course, recreational Prep swimming dates back even 72 years further, when Prep boys would first head to the Second Division Swimming Hole down on the Bronx River.) Not only swimming, but Prep theater will also reach a 100-year milestone in 2013, with the commemoration of the April 1913 production of M. Balmer, the first distinct Fordham Prep show.

This coming September 19th, any student so un lucky as to bring walking jug on himself will have the distinct “honor” of making his punitory perambulation on the 90th anniversary of walking jug, instituted by none other than Fr. Arthur Shea, S.J. (then still a scholastic), legendary Prep Prefect of Discipline. And by the way, no use trying to calculate a founding date for the concept of jug itself—as an anonymous student from 1886 reminds us, “It is immortal!”

Athletics, dramatics and disciplinary practices aside, even an institution as mundane as the Prep Lost-and-Found can boast of its venerability, founded in 1888 as the Prep’s newspaper. That legendary Prep Prefect of Discipline—ads for Pyratec (for Wayward Tomes and Articles) by Joseph Faye, Class of 1889. Incidentally, Faye’s fee for reuning an item with its owner was one penny—ostensibly for charity, though it is difficult to say how many of those pennies actually found their way into the postbox and how many wound up as Joe’s saraparilla money.

With the Holy Childhood Book Pounds 125th anniversary only two years away, we can certainly appreciate that a sense of humor has been part of the Prep tradition from the very beginning.

But perhaps one of the most unexpected dates from our history books is the 1908 founding of what is today called the Fordham Prep Aviation Club. It is remarkable to think that just five years after Kitty Hawk, would-be Prep pilots were already visiting plane shows and spending time at the airport. And just what airport could they possibly have been referring to in 1908? The very first one, of course, which conveniently happened to be right here in the Bronx.

Most readers will probably recognize Morris Park as the name of the tree-lined, residential Bronx neighborhood and its main thoroughfare. Some may even know that before the area was built up, it was the site of the Morris Park Racecourse, host of both the Preakness and Belmont Stakes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. What is often forgotten, however, is that in 1908, the track was taken over by the New York Aeronautical Society, creating what is considered by some historians to be the most time-honored traditions.

The K orean War would also see Prep alumni take to the skies. Among them was Army pilot Joseph McCarthy ’48 who flew aerial missions during the war and afterwards would fly recreationally as a licensed glider pilot. Robert Gomprecht, M.D. ’41 (father of the current Prep principal) served as a flight surgeon and an instructor of aviation medicine on Gunter Air Force Base, and Col. Jack Fischer would fly once again, both on reconnaissance and humanitarian missions, helping to establish Catholic orphanages for the children of the war-torn region. In addition to the Purple Heart and Air Medal he received for his service in WWII, Fischer was also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal and two Air Medals for his efforts during the Korean War.

As American involvement grew in Vietnam during the ’60s, once again Prepmen would be called into service, including aviator alums such as Donald O’Connor ’39, who flew with the Marine Corps. And among the many casualties of the war in Vietnam was Army pilot Col. William DeMaso ’83; his brother, Lt. Daniel DeMaso ’88, a former Navy pilot currently with JetBlue; and Lt. Jim Purekal ’94 and Air Medal recipient Cpt. Steven Piamenta ’80, Marine helicopter pilots currently on active duty. Most recently, Christopher Lyver ’91 received his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy — the latest proud chapter in a Prep story 103 years in the telling.

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1943
In the small world department: Vin Delleman and Bill McCahill ’45 have discovered that their apartments are just a few doors apart on the same floor in the same building in their retirement community near Boston. They have been exchanging notes on life in the trenches (regular Latin verbs and the binomial theorem) in old Hughes Hall.

1953
Charles “Max” Pelisson sent in this report on the Class of 1953 annual reunion: "Ed Flanagan managed to gather (16) classmates for our annual 1953 class reunion at the Water Club in NYC on Tuesday May 24, 2011, the eighteenth consecutive reunion since its inception. There were last minute cancellations from a number of classmates who usually attend cutting down on the attendance for this year. We welcomed Fr. Roller who led us in prayers for our recently deceased classmates, Jay Carroll, Bill Mulderig and Emilino Abello. We also prayed and asked for God’s blessings for Arthur Avery, Bob Hill and Fr. Quinn, classmates who are working through a variety of illnesses. After dinner Fr. Roller provided us with a summary of the remarkable activities and programs currently going on at the Prep. Given his busy schedule and graduation the next day, 5/25 we were appreciative of his presence. It was also nice to see a number of classmates who had not been with us for a couple of years.

Al Liquore, Bernie Dengler, Tim Fitzpatrick, Bruce Berger and Don Brudie who are now the Mayor of Garden City, LI in addition to his legal practice. John Murphy updated us on our class of 53 scholarship fund which has been very helpful in support of our class of ’53. We had not been with us for a couple of years before coming to NYU.

1964 Annual Reunion
The Class of 1964 got together for their annual reunion Ascension Thursday on Arthur Avenue.

1964
William Perry is an author having written Deliver’s Reach: A True Story on an American campus in a suburban Connecticut town. The Academy of the Daughters of Christ awarded him a fellowship, well established and prosperous Catholic girl’s day school. Applications, college acceptances and the financial aid process all on the upswing. Despite all appearances of success and serenity, an unconventional insurrection is stirring within its ivy laden walls. Its targets are the imperious head of school and her self-absorbed assistant head. The prime movers of the uprising are one of the head’s appointed administrators and the vice-principal. In addition to what I think will prove an engaging read, your purchase is directly linked to a project that is very important to me. After paying for printing and commission (the pipe!), all proceeds from your book purchase ($4.98 a copy) are being donated to The John Vrionis Sportsman Scholarship at Fordham Prep in New York. John is a former classmate of mine—a Hall of Fame baseball player who has battled MS for almost 30 years. (If you want to read his story in detail, please consider buying a copy of Promise-Fulfilled. The John Vrionis Story that is also available through Lulu.com)

1969
James Moran has been appointed interim president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Edinboro, with nearly 8,700 students, and located near Erie, is one of 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

1971
Joseph Carabellera has recently accepted a new position as Managing Director with the fund of funds specialist with Meridian Capital Partners, Inc.

1975
Michael Gallagher was recently reelected for a second term as president of the alumni chapter of the School of Management at George Mason University in Virginia, where I got my MBA in 1994. The Stevie Awards, which he started in 2002, will celebrate their 10th year in 2012. This year’s International Business Awards will be in Abu Dhabi in October, and possibly in Monaco next year.

1976
Gregory Sanza is Principal Reservoir Engineer for Conoco/Phillips in Houston. He recently returned from expatriate status after living/working overseas the past eleven years (seven years in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and four years in Kuwait). He can personally attest that “yes, Auntie Em, there’s no place like home!”

1977
Christopher Schuyler has returned to the United States and joined White and Williams LLP as Counsel on April 4th focusing on business, transactional and finance issues for corporate and insurance industry clients, as well as regulatory counseling for insurers, reinsurers and insurance brokers.

1979 Washington, D.C. Reunion
Class of 1979 members Matt Morrison, Joe McDermott, Kieran Gallagher, Pat Reidy, Charlie Dolan, Chris Bader, Mark Edwards, Ed White and Todd Foley and Chuck Foster ’78 got together in Washington, DC for some kayaking, some Nationals baseball, some golf and a few adult beverages.

Pictured from left to right: Chuck, Kieran, Ed, Todd, Charlie, Chris, Joe, Matt, Pat, and Mark.
A few members of the Prep community were in attendance when Daniel Cronin ’98 married Danielle Russo - left to right) Kevin Connolly ’84, Sean McLaughlin ’95, Ken Okermeier ’97, Dan Cronin ’98, Bob McCarthy ’69, Fred Hundt ’95, John Cronin ’95, Stefanie Martin ’98, Pete Corritorri ’98, PJ Miklus ’00.

1983 William DeMaso retired from the Air Force at the end of June. The DeMasones are moving to the Alexandria VA/Wash DC area so Bill can begin a yb search.

1988 Mark FitzPatrick has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Finance at Time Warner Cable. In this new role, FitzPatrick will be overseeing capital planning and forecasting for the company as well as providing financial support to additional departments including the Advanced Technology Group, the Technology Services Group, Strategy and New Business Development, including Wireless. In addition, he continues to be responsible for financial planning and analysis for the Company, and provide financial support to the Company’s Investor Relations, Marketing, Customer Care and Programming teams. He will also work extensively with the Regional CFOs and Media Sales. FitzPatrick will continue to report to the Chief Financial Officer.

Thomas Burger is now leading small business development activities across Microsoft Retail Stores nationwide.

1989 Sean Salo has joined Enter-New Media, a social media and digital agency, as Director, Entertainment Accounts. He oversees the entertainment line of business for Enter-New Media, and manage and direct the social media strategy for our clients, and spearhead new business efforts in that category.

1990 In May, for the third consecutive year, Robert Moschetta and his video production company, Entertainment & Sounds Unlimited, handled all the production needs for Columbia University’s Med School Commencement Exercises. Rob’s company recently did work with women’s clothing and apparel company Eileen Fisher and we are proud to announce that he is contracted to produce the 2011 Fordham Prep Hall of Honor Video. Terrence Finneran is a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department. His first assignment is as a desk officer in Washington, DC covering Somalia. He is interested in learning of other Prep alums in this line of work.

1992 Brian Bickerstaff sent in this update: “I have just finished performing with the NYC Opera at Lincoln Center in a show called Monodramas. I have been very active in the Theater here in NYC and abroad and I can credit my passion for theater and performance to Father O’Malley. He was quite an inspiration and I will never forget the seed of confidence he planted in my creative spirit.”

1994 Michael Balastrea is Assistant Sports Media Relations Director at Fordham University. Charon Darris is now enrolled in Columbia University’s Executive MBA Program. Paul Mastropolo, after 9 years at Bank of America, recently accepted an HR position at SAS Institute, headquartered in Cary, NC. SAS has been recognized as the #1 best company to work for in the U.S. by Fortune Magazine the last two years.

1996 Adrien Smith sent in the following update: “I have taken another mission within Bristol Myers Squibb to lead the innovation and within the virology division for the European headquarters located in Paris. Besides that, if there are any students whom may be interested in coming to France, please know that I can be of help or for those whom may be interested in biotechnology/ pharmaceuticals industry. I am an alumnus of Lafayette College where I serve as an “ambassador” for students who are looking to coming to France and for those who have questions about the industry. Nelson Ritter received his J.D. degree from the Fordham University Law School.


2000 James Lewis will be marrying Angelina Vives at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on August 13th. The Mass will be officiated by former Prep teacher Father Michael Sehler, S.J.

2003 Philip Fico completed his degree in veterinary medicine.

2004 James Delaney is working in the real estate accounting department at The Blackstone Group. Vijay DasCosta completed his year with the Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in Garrison, New York. Starting in August, he will be working in the Campus Ministry department at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, as the Assistant Director of Retreats and Service. He looks forward to meeting or reconnecting with other Prep alumni in the DC Metropolitan Area!

2005 Kevin Dwyer was accepted into the Ph.D. program in the Department of English with a Creative Writing concentration at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He was also awarded a Ph.D. assistantship. Kevin will be teaching two courses a semester, beginning with two seminars of freshman composition, in addition to his academic curriculum.

2006 Stephen Donat, Geoffrey DeSoye and Dennis Robinson were alumni leaders during one of the Prep’s Tennessee Trips for their fifth time. The speaker includes trips made as alumni and students.

Births/Adoptions

1989 Michael Anthony, to Angelo and Patricia Selaca
1994 Alice Louise, to Michael and Danielle Balastrea

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. John J. McDonnell, C.M.*, ’34
James T. Reap ’36
John D. Barri rer’47
Rev. Robert Moschetta* M.M.*’47
Arthur T. Magazette ’47
Bernard Durkin ’49
Martin W. McGrath ’49
George T. Wohlgart ’49
William F Quirk ’51
James F. Casey ’52
Alfred J. Elliot ’52
Patricia G. Gattose ’52, father of Patrick ’82
John J. Quinn ’52
Emilio G. Abello ’53
Alfred J. Kelly ’53
William M. Mulderg ’53
Frederick S. Mortati ’54
Richard Shunt ’55
Patrick Wallace ’55
Keith P. Battaglia ’72
Vincent J. Brissetti ’73
Anthony W. Silvetro ’73
Iva Quintana, mother of Robert ’80, Louis ’56, grand mother of Kenneth ’08, William ’14 and John Buonararo ’81
Kristin Hiza, daughter of Timothy Hargan ’66
George Zambetti, father of George ’88, Edward ’83
Marie Niemiec, mother of Peter ’69
Remo DeCone, father of David ’74
Edward McGonagle, father of Edward ’76, Peter ’81
Peter Martyr, father of Peter ’78
Michael Sullivan, father of Michael Sullivan ’79
Christopher Podesta, brother of Robert ’82
Hedi Janney, mother of Michael ’13
George Foleyl, father of Todd ’79
Kathleen Salerno, mother of James ’83
Robert Travers, father of Reid ’85
Elizabeth Lane, mother of Robert ’86
Peter Dunican, father of P. Brendan ’87
Kathleen Dickman, mother of Edward ’89
Frank Dushaj, brother of Paul ’90
Margaret Finnegan, mother of Terrence ’90
William Donoghue, husband of P. Prep Nurse Helen, father of William ’30, Andrew ’02
William S. Wanao, M.D., father of Kevin ’00
William R. Fischer, father of Matthew ’72

Vince n Murray ’98

Vincent Murray ’98 was the speaker at the Prep’s 2011 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in May. Vinnie spoke about the four qualities, scholarship, service, leadership and character, that earned the inductees membership. “Acceptance here is to be lauded but is not the end of the road, rather a call to begin a pursuit of excellence.”

Fathers and Sons

Thomas Whelan and his father Thomas Whelan ’80, Patrick Civetta and his father Theodore Civetta ’72, Christopher Sullivan and his father Christopher Sullivan ’83, Michael O’Leary and his uncle Vincent O’Leary (Michael’s father, Michael was a member of the Class of 1946), Ryan Gilligan and his father Kevin Gilligan ’83 and Thomas Gerke and his grandfather Thomas McCullian ’46.

1995 Declan McCarthy; to Michael and Celan Doo dy
1996 Nathan Erik, to John and Jessica Waters
1999 Sophia Maria, to Francis and Neco Burchardt